Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/437)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 27 October 2020, reference K/20/437.

Your request read:

“I want to ask:

1. How many students have faced disciplinary action from the university over breaches of university or government Covid-19 guidelines?
2. For the above figure broken down into the different types of disciplinary action faced
   For both questions, I would like data as of start of university term until 27th October please.

The University of Leeds does not hold information which allows us to these questions.

Since the beginning of the new academic year, 148 incidents relating to covid-19 guidelines have been reported to us. All incidents will be investigated with appropriate and proportionate action taken as deemed necessary. Since the beginning of the year, a total of 107 warnings and 343 fines have been issued to students for breaches of the General University Disciplinary Regulations. However, these totals include disciplinary matters which are unrelated to coronavirus (e.g. noise complaints) and we cannot disaggregate these figures. As such, we cannot advise on the number of covid-related incidents which have resulted in particular disciplinary action.

However, in the hope that it is helpful we can confirm that the University of Leeds has not expelled or suspended any students due to covid-relates incidents since 1 September 2020.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions about this email, however, please do not hesitate to contact us on foi@leeds.ac.uk

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can request an Internal Review. Requests for Internal Review should be made in writing using the following contact information:

Post: Mr D Wardle  
Deputy Secretary
Requests for Internal Review should be submitted within 40 working days of receiving the University’s response to your request. Further information about how the University manages Freedom of Information requests and about our complaints procedure is also available on our website (www.leeds.ac.uk).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review/complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Kind regards

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